

Mon: Sir

London Feb: 29<sup>th</sup> 1776.

The last time I had the pleasure of writing  
it was from Quebec, I then but little expected to be in Lon-  
don at this time, but the success of the Provincial Troops  
in the upper part of the Province of Canada, threw the  
town of Quebec into some confusion & render'd the property  
of the adherents to the Royal cause precarious, my Brother  
Wolf were loading a Ship for Ireland we tho' t best to  
ship our whole effects & to embark ourselves & as the Office  
of Government had occasion to send dispatches to England,  
our Vessel was order'd to Bristol we sail'd Nov: 22: arrived  
Dec: 24<sup>th</sup> having an agreeable passage —

It has given me much concern to find  
the Inhabitants of Boston have so many difficulties to  
contend with, tho' by our last advices, they seem to have ables-  
mew as my father arriv'd he procured some Provisions to  
send you, but the extreme hard & long frost has retarded  
the shipps of them, I hope it will be but a few days before  
the Vessel sails & that they will arrive to you very season-  
ably — The unhappy contest that subsist's & the height  
to which it is arrived restrain me from saying any thing

of a publick nature, you will learn by the Gentlemen of the  
Army that force by Sea & land that is to be employed the  
ensuing season is exceeding great; Lord Howe is to have the  
command of the Fleet & his Brother to be continued in the  
command of the Army. Genl. Burgoyne is going to Canada,  
for which place my Brother & self are to embark in April  
to try our fortune once more —

By the last Ships you send us an acco<sup>d</sup> of  
a repulse that the Provincials have met with near Quebec  
we have no other acco<sup>d</sup> but what comes from your quarter  
it is generally believed here, but some circumstances attend  
it which make a confirmation desirable —

I have not at present to add but my  
best wishes for your health & comfort, my duty to Aunt  
Wentworth, love to your Children & compliments to all Friends

I am very respectfully  
Yours

Hon<sup>r</sup>: Sir

Your dutiful Son  
John Clarke



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